

STAKEHOLDER MEETING
JUNE 4, 2004

Richard Strecker called the meeting to order. He announced to persons who may not have heard, that Anita Contreras is the new Regional Center Director for St. Louis County.

Cindy Mueller revisited the original priority issues of the Stakeholder group. They were as follows:

- Waiting List
- Caseload Size
- Parity in funding for the East District.

A discussion followed on the three issues.

Caseload size across the state: SEIU and the Division are looking at ways to make caseloads equitable across the state. They are reviewing the difference in case managing a natural home consumer verses a residential consumer. A committee has been formed to analyze the amount of time spent on case managing the two different types of consumer caseloads. The state wide average is 55 consumers per Service Coordinator.

Waiting List: The residential wait list has decreased during the current fiscal year due to community placement. Janet Portell distributed lists of Olmstead, residential, and natural home consumers who are on the waitlist as well as data regarding placements.

Parity in funding for the East District: The East District has the greatest number of consumers on waiting lists for services which should result in an equitable distribution of new caseload growth funds across the districts. The new caseload growth funds will be distributed out of Central Office as consumers are placed in the community.

Richard Strecker announced that there is a limited amount of funding available for transition costs for consumers leaving habilitation centers and their natural homes.

SLRC was recently informed by Metro that they will no longer honor transportation vouchers after June 27. Over 150 consumers will be affected by this change.

The end of June the two placement teams at 211 N. Lindbergh will move to a different location. Employees who are housed on the 2nd floor at 211 N. Lindbergh will move to the first floor.

The budget planning for FY06 is already underway. Caseload growth will be a big issue; Richard Strecker encouraged stakeholders to provide input. The following recommendations were made by the stakeholders in attendance:

- COLA for all service providers
- Increase GR to address non-Medicaid waiting lists

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The next stakeholder meeting will be held on August 27 at 10:00 a.m. at 3101 Chouteau.

Respectfully submitted, Naomi Lebsock.